How did I end up here?

* I know that we had to move to America.
* Not a lot of things had influenced my dad to make this choice.
* Our family left because of two main reasons.
* First is ‘cause of my dad’s job.
* Second is ‘cause of my siblings’ and my education.
* As a professor in Korea, every four years there is a Sabbatical year.

This was the ambitious opportunity for him so that he could do his research on LED.

My dad had two choices, MIT or U of I.

Both of them were the top schools for engineering and my parents chose Illinois.

For our English education, we all followed him to the USA.

In Korea, there was no possible way that we could learn to speak English fluently.

America was Republican at that time but my state was always Democratic.

Every time there would be more Democrat House Delegates.

Our capital is Springfield, where U.S.’s famous president, Abe Lincoln was born.

There is about 42 inches of rain, 38 inch of snow near Chicago area.

Illinois is about 51days thunderstorm active state.

It is warmer in the south8 ern part.

We left Seoul for America.

Our family had nothing to run away from, having a stable life.

Financially and emotionally we were stable.

My mom’s eager letting us have education in America was very big.

The year 2002, World Cup could not even hold us back, we had to leave.

My parents had lived in America for 7~8 years before I was born.

My sister, my brother and I were all born in America while my dad was studying there.

They were accustomed to some of Western culture by the time we were born.

There was no hardship to adjust American life.

Still there was no serious change of our ideas as Koreans.

After about three years we had to come back.

My mom had a visiting visa expired soon.

She couldn’t stay, so we all had to come.

My dad was happy since he wanted us back.

At the time that we were trying to come back,

My sister and I wanted to stay.

My parents considered our idea, but made a decision let us be back.

My brother definitely didn’t want to come back since he was too little.

It was his complaint that there were too many racial problems in his school.

He said that he was suffering too much.

When we came back, I couldn’t speak Korean very well.

I had to suffer this time.

But my parents put me in to KIS.

Now I am happy with many things in life.

And

This is the reason why I am here.